

WEEKLY SHORT STORY

THE HOUSE OF DREAMS.

By Annie Henrichsen.

A torpedo, hurled with the full strength of a round, tanned arm, struck the elephant's side and exploded. A shower of torpedoes followed the first one. A dozen young men and women pushed through the crowd at the curb to hurl their noisy missiles at the elephant. The great animal, the star attraction of the circus parade, jogged his way along the street undisturbed by the bombardment.

The girl who had thrown the first torpedo was leading the bombardiers. The crowd on the sidewalks was laughing and cheering. The pranks of the residents of the summer colony of Lakemore were the chief joy of the permanent inhabitants of the village.

The leader of the torpedo throwers ran down the street crashing her missiles against the unconcerned elephant. A torpedo flew from her hand. It missed the elephant and exploded at the feet of a man standing at the edge of the sidewalk.

The girl turned to see where her torpedo had struck. The man was looking at her with amusement and curiosity. Her merry face sobered. The box of torpedoes in her hand dropped to the ground. One of the men in her party picked it up and handed it to her. But she shook her head, turned from the bombarded elephant and the man watching her and disappeared in the crowd.

At one of the summer cottages Grace Audrey met Ralph Norman. "We have seen each other before," Norman remarked.

"Indeed?" Miss Audrey's brows were elevated. There was a supercilious note in her voice.

"I saw you circus day at the parade." "Is it possible?" she asked, indifferently.

Two weeks later Ralph Norman was still in Lakemore at the summer hotel. All morning he and Grace Audrey had been sailing in her boat. Norman, who had been sitting in the stern of the boat, left his seat to adjust the sail. A sudden puff of wind struck the sail. The boat tipped far over and Norman was in the water.

Grace pulled down the sail and the boat stopped. But Norman was not swimming. Once he rose to the surface. Then he sank again. Grace caught up the oars and rowed the boat toward him. As he rose a second time she saw that his eyes were closed.

She jumped into the water, caught him by the collar of his coat and drew him to the boat. With one hand she held his head above water, with the other she clung to the boat. People on the shore had seen the accident, and several boats were coming toward them.

An hour later Grace and Norman sat on the beach at Lakemore. They wore dry clothes, and Norman's head, which had been struck as he fell from the boat, was bandaged.

"You will have to marry me," Norman said decidedly. "You saved my life. When a woman saves a man's life she always marries him. I've loved you since the first time I saw you. You were throwing torpedoes at an elephant, and—"

"And you loved me because I was acting like a spoiled tomboy." The girl's face was white; her hands were clenched. "I shall never marry you. Please—please don't speak to me again of your love for me. I can't stand it. I won't listen."

That afternoon Grace Audrey walked through the streets of summer homes, past the villages and out into the country. A mile from the village she came to a house which stood back from the road. It was a large, rambling house, with wide verandas. Vines grew over the verandas and roses climbed to the windows. Majestic old trees spread their great branches over the house and made a thick shade on the green lawn. There was no sign of human life about the place.

Grace sat down on an old bench in a corner of a veranda. Long, golden lances thrown by the setting sun lay across the lawn. Occasionally a bird's bedtime chirp broke the silence.

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Yours truly,

D. L. DEMENT.

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"Grace, what brings you here?" Ralph Norman stood beside the veranda.

"What brings you?" she retorted. "This house is empty. No one lives here. I come here because—because—"

He drew himself over the railing and sat down near her. "Tell me, Grace, why you are here. Give me the real reason."

"I came here," she said slowly, "because this is my house of dreams. I have never known a real home, I have always lived with my guardian. His family cares nothing for home life. We all have plenty of money. We travel, live in hotels, stay in the big house in the city for a few months, spend a few weeks in his cottage here. I have always wanted a quiet, domestic life and a home built on the old-fashioned ideals and faiths. This house seemed to me a perfect place for a home. It is a house in which I think people have been happy, where women have been real homemakers, where men have found love and sympathy and peace. I do not know who lived here or who owns it now. I come here sometimes because of the dreams I have dreamed here of what a real home could be."

"The kind of home you would expect me to make for you is not the home of my dreams. You fell in love with me—"

"because I seemed to you a tomboy, a happy hoyden. I cared for you the first time I saw you. You had the fine, strong jaw of a worthwhile man, and the eyes of a very kind one. I was ashamed to appear to you as a hoyden. I thought you were the man to love a different sort of woman, the true, womanly kind that I wanted to be. I want to be a woman that a man will love for her womanliness, in whom he will find the best attributes of a sweetheart, wife and homemaker. You love a superficial, frivolous person. You would expect her to remain what she is now. When I pulled you out of the water this morning you added gratitude to the small amount of love you had for me and found that you had a feeling sufficiently strong to justify marriage. Of course, I refused you. You love a hoyden, when I wish you to love a better woman. The life you offer is one I have always had, and not the one I have always hoped for."

"And did you know, my little hoyden, that when I saw a merry tomboy, I also saw a true, gentle girl, one with all a woman's best attributes? I did not fall in love with you because you were a tomboy, nor ask you to marry me because you pulled me out of the lake. I fell in love with you because I realized what sort of a girl you are. I asked you to marry me because I wanted you in my house of dreams. This is my house, my old home. I came to Lakemore to see if the old house needed repairs. I saw you and I could not go away. It is our house of dreams, and the dreams shall all come true—they shall come true for both of us."

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RICHMOND ROUTE FUTURE PROJECT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—One of the bitterest congressional wrangles in recent years came to an end Thursday, when the House, by a big margin, approved the design and location for a \$2,000,000 memorial to Abraham Lincoln, selected by the fine arts commission and a special commission, consisting of President Taft, Speaker Clark, Senators Cullom and Wetmore and Representatives Cannon and McCall.

The memorial will be an enormous rectangular stone structure, on the north bank of the Potomac, opposite the Lee Mansion in Arlington National Cemetery. The outlines of the proposed design are simple and the architect is to be of the Greek type. Gigantic Doric columns will surround the exterior. Inside, in a hall higher than the chamber of the House of Representatives, will be a colossal statue of Lincoln, and on a tablet his Gettysburg address will be carved.

The building will be located on the axis of the Capitol and the Washington Monument, and between the Washington Monument and the Potomac.

Representative Borland of Missouri, led the fight against the scheme. He and others preferred a memorial road from Washington to Gettysburg. The friends of the "Greek temple" idea charged that the road project was a scheme got up by real estate men and automobilists.

The House debated the question all day. All of the orators on both sides of the aisle took part. Southerners sided with Northerners in praising Lincoln. The advocates of the memorial pointed out the road men for building leered at the road men for wanting something "useful" as a memorial to Lincoln.

Representative Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, asked Mr. Borland if he would pull down the American flag because it was not "useful."

Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, said he supposed Mr. Borland would have objected to the erection of the Washington monument because George Washington was not an Egyptian, and, therefore, should not have an obelisk dedicated to his memory. The Lincoln memorial, according to Mr. Cooper, will be the finest memorial structure ever erected.

Representative James R. Mann, of Illinois, the Republican floor leader, said the memorial building was to be followed by a memorial bridge from Washington to the national cemetery on the Virginia side.

The North and South together, and the construction of a road from Arlington to Mount Vernon, and thence to Richmond, where the Government should erect a memorial to Jefferson Davis.

"When we have done that," said Mr. Mann, "we shall have given to the world the hearts of all Americans beat with respect and love for the leaders of both sides of the contest, and that they have forgotten the animosities of war in the peace that passeth all understanding."

The opponents of the memorial building could muster only 21 votes, as against 153 by its advocates. The Senate has already approved of the building.

Pickett Pictures Building. Representative Pickett, of Iowa, spoke eloquently in favor of the memorial. His speech was listened to by many members who crowded the aisles about him. In concluding his remarks Mr. Pickett drew a picture of the splendid silent hall with the majestic figure of Lincoln in the center. At one end the second inaugural address and at the other the famous Gettysburg address.

"One sentence in that address," exclaimed Mr. Pickett, "with malice toward none and charity for all," was no counterpart in all language save that of the Master. "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."

HANFNER OWNS UP TO FORGING CHECK

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—Jonathan and David, Mark Twain and Henry H. Rogers, Damon and Pythias and their famous friends, for their strong attachment to certain of their fellow beings have their counterpart in the friendship and brotherly love which characterizes the relations of Charles Hanfner, the young machinist who is charged with forgery, and James F. Swann, the Caroline county farmer, who admits he forged the two checks, which he cashed at the Planters' National Bank here.

Hanfner, who is only twenty-three years old, and Swann, who is past forty, met in the Police Court this morning for the first time since the youth was arrested at Quaker Run, the instance of the Burns detectives, who trailed him from Richmond.

Had it been his own son who was charged with the felony, Swann could not have shown more sorrow or more affection. Hanfner pled guilty and waived a hearing and was held for the grand jury by Justice Crutchfield. He was immediately sent back to the cage in the court room, and Swann at once followed him and asked to be allowed to spend a few minutes with him. Swann's father had raised Hanfner, whom he took from an orphan asylum in Cleveland, Ohio, years ago.

No sooner had the elderly man entered the "pen" than he and his foster brother broke down. They clasped each other in an affectionate embrace and literally wept on each other's shoulders. Then they tried to calm themselves and sat down on a bench and attempted to talk. The tears, however, were too near the surface, and the twenty minutes which they spent together were devoted to a series of weeping spells which neither were able to control. When they parted, would have thought that Swann was leaving for the last time a relative on the way to the electric chair.

So pathetic and full of emotion was the meeting between the two men that even the court attaches were hard put to it to hold back the tears.

Captain McMahon, who obtained the confession of Hanfner to the forgery of the checks for \$70 and \$21 which Hanfner cashed during a spree, witnessed the scene.

"This is one of the hardest duties I ever have been called upon to perform," he said. "I am convinced that Hanfner is not a bad young man and that he fell only because of financial difficulties into which his spree led him. He has laid his whole life open

to me and there is not a thing in it of which he feels blush except these two forged checks. He will plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court and I know that whatever elements of shame and dishonor will be appreciated by no one more than James F. Swann. The young man has told me that this will be a lesson to him."

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Offers War Loan. LONDON.—Special.—Alarm over the possibility of war between Roumania and Bulgaria on account of Bulgaria's refusal to cede certain territory demanded by Roumania for remaining neutral in the Balkan war was lessened today by telegrams from Bucharest.

Germany offered to lend Roumania \$12,500,000 if it were spent with German firms for military equipment, but the Roumanian government would not accede to these terms.

BELGRADE.—Special.—Circulation of several radical Bulgarian newspapers on Serbian soil was prohibited today by the Serbian government because of their hostile anti-Serbian policy.

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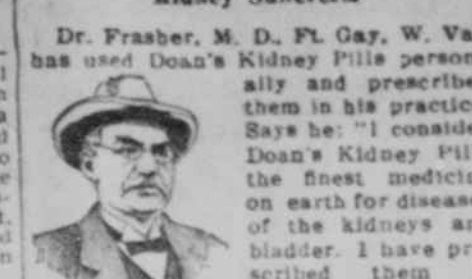
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BALKANS FLATLY DEFIED BY TURKS

Young Turks in Constantinople Threaten Adherents of Kiamil Pacha, and Fight Follows, in Which Many Are Killed and Wounded.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Special.—After a meeting of the Cabinet Council today the reply of the Young Turk government to the recent collective note of the powers was presented. The Young Turks answered the demand of the European powers that Turkey give way to the peace proposals of the Balkan allies by declaring that "the Turkish empire could not give up Adrianople and the Aegean Islands under such terms as had been proposed."

By phrasing the refusal in this manner the Turks left the door open for further negotiations, and yet made it plain that they would stand out to the very last against ceding the territory in question.

That the Aegean Islands are needed for the protection of Turkey is the ground given for the refusal to give up the islands.

On the question of Adrianople a more conciliatory tone was adopted. The Porte suggested that part of the city be ceded, but that the part containing the holy mosque shrines be left under Turkish domination.

Any hope which the Turks might have taken from the growing discord between Serbia and Bulgaria is overshadowed by the spread of the mutiny in the Turkish army at the gates of this city. The mutiny spread today from the Turkish army in the Chatalja fortifications to the garrison at Anadol on the Black Sea, where the troops deserted and took to the hills.

A number of Turkish army officers, who are adherents of Kiamil Pacha, while discussing the overthrow of the Kiamil government by the Young Turks, were approached by a group of Young Turk army officers and ordered to disperse. A fight followed in which soldiers took part, and forty-two were killed and 175 wounded.

To Avenge Nazim Pacha. The Circassian troops, who were devoted to Nazim Pacha, the late war minister and commander-in-chief, have sworn to avenge his death. A number of Turkish army officers, who are adherents of Kiamil Pacha, while discussing the overthrow of the Kiamil government by the Young Turks, were approached by a group of Young Turk army officers and ordered to disperse. A fight followed in which soldiers took part, and forty-two were killed and 175 wounded.

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policy. Bulgaria charges Serbia with violating the terms of the convention signed by all the Balkan States and Greece before war broke out. On the other hand Serbia charges Bulgaria with trying to grab all the territory won from Turkey.

VIENNA.—Special.—The Austrian foreign office this afternoon received a copy of the Turkish Pacha's answer to the powers' note and a supplemental note from the Austrian ambassador to Turkey.

The Austrian ambassador received the note from Grand Vizier Mahmud Shevket Pacha in behalf of the foreign diplomatic corps in Constantinople.

The presentation was made at 11 A. M. and the note fills four pages. One clause of the powers territory bordering the Maritsa River on the right bank in the vicinity of Adrianople.

THREE SISTERS FIGURE IN TRIPLE WEDDING

WAYNESVILLE.—Special.—Misses Icie, Myrtle and Eva Duckett, the only three daughters of Doll Duckett, of Kines Creek, were all married Friday night, respectively to Newton McElroy, Robert Ferguson, and Homer Rogers, John Ferguson, justice of the peace, officiated.

He Made Gasoline Black. NEW YORK.—Special.—For selling gasoline from a gas station, which he can hold only three gallons, sold inside it, George Walters, driver of an oil wagon in Newark, N. J., was fined \$100 Friday by Judge Hall in the Third Precinct Court.

It was an employee of the Crelwick Company, and sold to Walters, who pleaded guilty to tampering with a standard measure and to selling short measure, said he had been using the can for two years, having received it from his son.

HEADACHE POWDER CAUSED HER DEATH

RACINE, WIS., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Bertha Brahm, thirty-three years old, took four doses of a headache powder containing an excessive proportion of a coal tar compound and is dead.

There have been revealed recently some beautiful ribbons prepared for the coming spring season. These are of velvet brocade, and, alike in coloring, design and quality, frankly surpass anything ever produced. They modishly will quickly realize their value goes without saying, and they are sufficiently superb to be permitted to figure prominently in the most exquisite toilets.

There is every prospect, indeed, that they will be made the basis of many designs worked up with lace, for lace has once again got us firmly in its grip and will not pass away with the coming of spring. Slowly, but very surely, the theater lace skirt is making itself felt. The volants are kept very flat, and are mostly broken at the sides by a contrasting drape.

Striped and flowered tulle is likely to be much in request, together with soft brocades, and through these two we may expect to see really fresh silhouettes should be achieved for evening dress.

Beauty Hints. If you are desirous of being "most divinely fair," then adhere to the beauty program given below, as it will be the means of giving you a healthy body and a comely face. If you are sceptical of this way of living, at least reserve your opinion until you have had an opportunity to try it out. There can be no question what your decision will finally be.

The day of the woman who craves health and beauty should be laid out as follows:

When you arise in the morning run to the window—which should have been open all night—and take twenty deep, full breaths.

Practice some simple all-round exercises for five minutes.

Take either a warm or a cold sponge bath, or both. If you do not react well after a cold plunge, omit it in the future, as it is not for you.

Go downstairs, and twenty minutes before your breakfast drink glasses of hot water, not so warm that it scalds the mouth nor so cool that it nauseates.

Eat a light breakfast, refraining from meat.

Chest thrown up and out and head held erect.

Work. Twenty minutes before lunch drink two glasses of hot water.

Eat a simple lunch.

Rest for half an hour.

Work. Toward evening walk for an hour if you feel so disposed.

Twenty minutes before you sit down to the dinner table drink two glasses of hot water.

Rest or recreation.

Twenty minutes before creeping into bed drink two glasses of hot water.

Dinner.

Sleep for nine or ten hours.

The Young Housekeeper's Guide. Boiled potatoes, thirty minutes; baked potatoes, forty-five minutes; sweet potatoes, forty-five minutes; squash, boiled, twenty-five minutes; squash, baked, one hour; green peas, boiled, thirty minutes; shell peas, baked, five hours; string beans, boiled, thirty minutes; green corn, twenty-five minutes; asparagus, twenty minutes; spinach, one hour; tomatoes, fresh, one hour; tomatoes, canned, thirty minutes; cabbage, one hour; cauliflower, one hour; onions, one hour; beets, one hour; turnips, one hour; parsnips, forty-five minutes; carrots, one hour; rice, boiled, thirty minutes; rice, steamed, one and one-half hours; bread, 1 hour; cake, fruit, four hours; cake, layer, fifteen minutes; muffins, twenty minutes; pies, thirty minutes; puddings, twenty minutes to one hour; beef, fifteen minutes for each pound; mutton, fifteen minutes for each pound; lamb, fifteen minutes for each pound; veal, twenty minutes for each pound; pork, thirty minutes for each pound; chicken, thirty minutes for each pound; turkey, twenty minutes for each pound; goose, twenty minutes for each pound; duck, one hour; small birds, thirty minutes; fish, small, thirty minutes; fish, large, forty-five minutes.

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